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The WEST COAST AVENGERS

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YOU WENT ON *NATIONAL TELEVISION* AND TOLD THE COUNTRY YOU'RE GUILTY OF A *CRIME*! * THAT'S NO WAY TO HELP THE WEST COAST AVENGERS GAIN *PUBLIC CONFIDENCE*!

YOU'RE *RIGHT*, HAWKEYE-- I ADMIT THAT AS FREELY AS I ADMITTED THAT I EMBEZZLED MY COMPANY'S *CASH*!

* *LAST ISSUE.*

BUT I *HAD TO* TELL EVERYBODY! I HAD TO *PURGE* MYSELF OF THE POISON I'D *CREATED* IN MYSELF BY *LYING* ALL THOSE YEARS!

WHEN I FINALLY SAW WHAT I'D *BECOME*--CONSTANTLY *ANXIOUS*, UNSURE OF *MYSELF* AND MY *GOALS*-- I KNEW THERE COULD BE NO *HALF-MEASURES* IN REPAIRING THE *DAMAGE*!

IF I WERE EVER TO *BE* THE MAN MY *OTHER* SELF, THE *VISION*, HAS BECOME, I HAD TO ADMIT EXACTLY *WHO I WAS*!

AS AN ACTOR, I HAD ACCESS TO THE *CARSON* SHOW, SO I TOOK IT AS *THE MOST* DIRECT ROUTE--!

ACTOR? *ACTOR??* YOU WANNA BE *REAL*, LET'S *BE REAL* -- YOU'RE A *STUNTMAN*!

PEOPLE'S *KNOWLEDGE* OF YOU COMES FROM YOUR STATUS AS AN *AVENGER*, FIRST AND FOREMOST!

I DON'T BEGRUDGE YOU YOUR RIGHT TO *HELP* YOURSELF, BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT WHETHER IT WOULD HELP *US*!

I'M TRYIN' TO CONVINCE THE WORLD WE DESERVE TO BE CONSIDERED EQUALS OF THE *EAST COASTERS*--PEOPLE LIKE *CAPTAIN AMERICA*, THE ALL-AMERICAN *IDEAL*--

--AND *YOU*, OUR MOST *POWERFUL MEMBER*, TELL 'EM YOU'RE *JESSE JAMES*!

WELL, WHO APPOINTED *YOU* HIS KEEPER--?

THE *VISION*, TIGRA-- SIMON'S *"OTHER SELF"*-- WHEN HE APPOINTED ME *CHAIRMAN* OF THIS CREW!

THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO *RUN OUR LIVES* FOR US! BESIDES, *YOU* WERE A CROOK ONCE, AND A FAR *BIGGER ONE* THAN *SIMON*!

NOT *TRUE*, TIGRA!

I WAS THE FIRST ONE TO *FIGHT* HAWKEYE, AND HE WAS BASICALLY AN *ADVENTURER* WHO HAPPENED TO FALL IN LOVE WITH THE *WRONG WOMAN*. *

BESIDES, CLINT'S NOT DRAGGING THAT UP ON *TELEVISION*!

WELL, NATURALLY *YOU'D* SIDE WITH YOUR *HUSBAND*--!

* THE EQUALLY MISGUIDED *BLACK WIDOW*, WHEN SHE WAS A RUSSIAN SPY.

SOUNDS LIKE MY LAST SET-TO WITH THE *BLOND BLASTER* IN THERE--!

YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE *LISTENING*, BEN!

LISTENIN'? I'D HAVE TA BE *DEAF* NOT TO LISTEN TA *THAT*, HANK!

STILL, WE ARE ONLY *GUESTS* IN THE AVENGERS' HOME! HAVING RECOVERED FROM MY DEFEAT BY *MASTER PANDEMONIUM*, I'LL BE *LEAVING* AS SOON AS I HAVE THE CHANCE TO *THANK* THEM FOR THEIR *HOSPITALITY*--!

POLITE YOUNG THING, AREN'T YOU, FIREBIRD?

MAKING YOU AN *IMPOLITE* OLD *THING*--THING?

HMMM! YOU'VE GOT MORE SASS THAN YA *SHOW*, SISTER!

IF ONE'S TO BE A *HEROINE*, ONE HAS A *RESPONSIBILITY* AS A *ROLE MODEL*!

ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE'S THE FIRST *AFRICANIC* HEROINE, EH?

I CAN'T SAY I'M *UNAWARE* OF THAT, HANK--BUT WITH THE AMOUNT OF EXPOSURE I'VE HAD SO *FAR*, I'VE MOSTLY BEEN AN *INVISIBLE* HEROINE!

INVISIBLE...!

WONDER HOW *SUZIE'S** GETTIN' ALONG...!

NAH! *FORGET* THAT!

WELL, BONITA, AS SOMBONE WHO'S *GIVEN UP* THE LIMELIGHT, I CAN TELL YOU THAT *OBSCURITY* GIVES YOU FAR MORE *FREEDOM*!

*INVISIBLE GIRL OF THE THING'S FORMER GROUP, THE *FANTASTIC FOUR*.

EXHIBIT "A"--

WHEN DO WE SEE *WONDER MAN*?

HEY, *PYM*, WERE YOU IN IT *WITH* HIM?

HEY, HOW MUCH *LONGER*?

THING! THING, ARE YOU JOINING THE *AVENGERS*?

ARE YOU HIS *REPLACEMENT*?

WHO'S THE *WOMAN*?

OKAY, LET'S *DO* IT!

AND LOOK *HAPPY!*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE JUST HAVE A SHORT STATEMENT!

WE ARE *VERY PROUD* OF OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, WONDER MAN, FOR THE *COURAGEOUS STEP* HE'S TAKEN, AND WE HOPE IT WILL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO EVERYONE THAT *ONE YOUTHFUL MISTAKE* NEED BE NO BAR TO *FUTURE SUCCESS* AND *GOOD CITIZENSHIP!*

GOOD *GOING*, HAWKYPOO!

WHEW! WHERE'S THE *SHOVEL?*

GRRRR!

SO THAT'S *FOUR* SUPPORTERS, WONDER MAN--BUT DO YOU *REALLY THINK EVERYONE ELSE* WILL ACCEPT THIS?

I CAN ONLY *HOPE* SO--BUT I DIDN'T *DO* IT TO WIN *SUPPORTERS!* I DID IT BECAUSE IT WAS *RIGHT!*

I'M WILLING TO ACCEPT *WHATEVER* COMES FROM IT--!

TBS

AND SO IT GOES, FOR ANOTHER FORTY-FIVE FUN-FILLED MINUTES--

--UNTIL...

I THINK IT WENT VERY *WELL*, WONDER MAN--!

MAYBE! WE'LL SEE!

EXCUSE ME--!

HAWKEYE'S SUCH A *HYPOCRITE!* ALL HE THINKS ABOUT IS HIS *GROUP!*

OH, *HE'S* ALL RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT HE'S *SUPPOSED* TO THINK ABOUT!

THE AVENGERS *IS* MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY ONE OF ITS *MEMBERS!*

I'M PAYING A *PRICE* FOR MY THEFT, AND I *SHOULD!* I'M LUCKY NOT TO BE IN *JAIL!*

THE WEIGHT OF THE *WORLD'S* ON MY SHOULDERS RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO *HANDLE* IT--AND IN TIME THIS, *TOO*, SHALL PASS!

THEY *ARE* PRETTY NIFTY *SHOULDERS--!*

I GUESS WE NEVER MADE IT *DOWN* HERE LAST NIGHT--!

NO *PROBLEM!* WE CAN *MAKE* IT *NOW--!*

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE MAIN HOUSE...

YOU'RE A REAL *POLITICIAN*, SPORT! I HEAR *RONALD REAGAN* GOT HIS START AROUND HERE, TOO!

THANK YOU *KINDLY*, BOBBI! I--

OF COURSE, YOU WERE *DEAD WRONG* IN JUMPING ON SIMON!

WHAT?

TIGRA HAD IT *RIGHT*, CLINT--I BACKED YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE MY *HUSBAND*! BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE CUT THE POOR GUY SOME *SLACK*!

NOW LOOK, I'VE GOT *RESPONSIBILITIES* HERE! DON'T YOU START *UNDERMINING* ME!

HEY! I'M YOUR *WIFE*, NOT YOUR *FLUNKY*!

YOU'RE MY *TEAMMATE*, TOO--AN' I'M *CHAIRMAN* O' THE TEAM!

OH, *YEAH*? WELL, MAYBE IT WASN'T SUCH A *GOOD IDEA* FOR ME TO BE BOTH *TEAMMATE AND WIFE*!

MAYBE IT *WASN'T*.

WELL, NUTS TO *YOU*, GENGHIS KHAN! YOU'VE GOT MORE IN COMMON WITH REAGAN THAN I *THOUGHT*!

THAT'S RIGHT--TAKE A *HIKE*! SEE IF *I* CARE!

SEE IF *I* CARE--!

UM... EXCUSE US...

YEAH?

OH! BONITA--BEN! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME *IN*!

YA ASK *ME*, YA WOULDN'TA HEARD A HERD O' *HEREFORDS*--!

WE ONLY CAME TO SAY *GOODBYE*, HAWKEYE--!

GOODBYE--?

YES! YOU HAVE MY *ETERNAL GRATITUDE* FOR YOUR EFFORTS AGAINST MASTER PANDEMONIUM,* BUT NOW THAT I'VE *RECOVERED*, I PLAN TO PURSUE HIM ON *MY OWN!*

AN' *ME*, I'VE GOT A GRUDGE MATCH WITH THE *BLOND BLITZKRIEG* TA TAKE CARE OF!

YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T MADE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT MY OFFER *YET?*

* LAST ISSUE.

MADE UP MY *MIND?* I TOLD YA *EIGHTY-SEVEN WAYS ALREADY*, I *AIN'T* GONNA FILL THE HOLE IN YOUR *ROSTER!*

SO YOU MUST BE *TIRED* O' THAT LINE! TIME TO CHANGE YOUR *TUNE!*

BYE BYE, COCKEYE!

C'MON, BONITA, I'LL GIVE YA A LIFT INTA *TOWN!*

IF YA GET ANY LEADS ON *PANDEMONIUM*, LET US *KNOW*, FIREBIRD! THE *AVENGERS* HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HIM *TOO* NOW!

OH... YES, OF COURSE...!

BEN--WHAT DID YOU MEAN, ABOUT A *HOLE* IN THEIR ROSTER?

AHH, SOME BUREAUCRAT SOMEWHERE DECIDED THEY CAN HAVE A MAXIMUM O' *SIX MEMBERS*, AN' THEY ONLY GOT *FIVE!*

COCKEYE'S GOT HIS HEART SET ON *ME* FOR THAT SLOT, BUT I AIN'T A GROUP-TYPE GUY *NO MORE!*

'COURSE, THEY *DO* GOT A STRANGE KINDA *STYLE*--THEY AIN'T *NEARLY* AS UPTIGHT AS *THOR* AN' THAT BUNCH--OR MY "GOOD FRIEND" *REED*, FOR THAT MATTER!

IF I WERE GONNA JOIN UP WITH *ANYBODY*, IT'D BE *THEM!*

I DUNNO! COCKEYE'S GONNA KEEP *ASKIN'* ME--MAYBE ONE DAY I *WILL* SAY YES!

BUT DON'T TELL *HIM* THAT--!

OH, GOD--IF ONLY THEY'D ASK *ME*--!

ELSEWHERE...

THAT GRAPE-FACED CREEP! MR. MACHO HIMSELF!

MY MOM WARNED ME WHEN I STARTED WITH S.H.I.E.L.D.--ADVENTURING'S A MAN'S GAME! TO FIT IN WITH THESE GUYS, YOU HAVE TO BE ONE OF THEM!

WELL, I DIDN'T SELL MYSELF OUT FOR NICK FURY, AND I WON'T DO IT FOR CLINT BARTON--NO MATTER HOW SWEET HE IS WHEN HE'S NOT BEING A JERK!

I GAVE MYSELF THE CODE-NAME MOCKINGBIRD, BUT I'M NO BIRD-BRAIN--

MOCKINGBIRD!

MOCKINGBIRD!

TIGRA--? WHAT--?

ON THE BEACH--SIMON--WE WERE TALKING, AND THEN--THEN--

YOU MEAN--HE ATTACKED YOU--?

NO! I ATTACKED HIM!

WHAT?

SUDDENLY I WAS ALL OVER HIM! I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!

IT'S THE CAT IN ME! I TOLD YOU, IT ONLY LIVES FOR PLEASURE, AND IT'S TAKING ME OVER!

I'M GREER AGAIN NOW! I SEE WHAT THIS THING WITHIN ME DID, AND IT SCARES ME TO DEATH--BUT WHAT'S WORSE--

--I KNOW I'LL SLIP BACK AGAIN!

YOU SAID YOU'D HELP ME, MOCKINGBIRD! YOU SAID THE AVENGERS WOULD HELP ME!

I WILL HELP YOU, TIGRA--I WASN'T LYING!

GO TO YOUR BUNGALOW AND REST, WHILE I RUN A FEW THINGS THROUGH THE AVENGERS COMPUTER! YOU AND I WILL SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM--I SWEAR IT!

AND...

PENNY FOR YOUR *THOUGHTS*, HANK!

OH--TONY!

YOU'D BE WASTING YOUR *MONEY*, I'M AFRAID! THEY'RE NOT *WORTH* THAT MUCH!

LISTEN--IF IT'S ABOUT MY DATING *JAN**--THAT WAS AFTER YOU TWO WERE *DIVORCED*, AND SHE *DIDN'T KNOW* TONY STARK WAS ALSO AN *AVENGER*--!

* JANET VAN DYNE, THE WASP--IN *AVENGERS* #124.

I KNOW! I FIGURED IT ALL OUT *LATER*, AND I DON'T BLAME *ANYBODY*! IT WAS JUST PART OF THE *BAD LUCK* THAT WAS *ALL AROUND* ME THEN!

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT'S ON MY MIND!

WELL, *WHAT* THEN? IF I CAN *HELP*--

RRINGGG

EXCUSE ME!

GLIK

HELLO?

HELLO, DAD! IT'S *ME* AGAIN--YOUR LOVING *SON*, *ULTRON MARK TWELVE*!

I THOUGHT IT *MIGHT* BE--

--AND I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT TO *TELL YOU* WHEN YOU CALLED AGAIN--AND IT'S *THIS*--

GO TO *BLAZES*, YOU UNGODLY PIECE OF *JUNK*!

LIVE *FOREVER*. REBUILD YOURSELF A *HUNDRED TIMES*, YOU'LL *NEVER* TERRORIZE ME *AGAIN*!

YOU PLAY THE *TOUGH GUY* IN THE MIDDLE OF THE *AVENGERS COMPOUND*, DAD! BUT YOU HAVE *NO CONCEPTION* OF WHAT I CAN *DO* TO YOU!

THE QUESTION IS, DO I *CARE*--AND THE ANSWER IS *NO*!

I'M IN NO *HURRY* TO *DIE*, BUT AFTER THE WAY I *DESTROYED* MY LIFE, *LOSING IT* WOULDN'T BE THE *WORST* THING I COULD IMAGINE!

I JUST REFUSE TO LIVE IN *FEAR* NOW, SON! SORRY SO DO WHAT YOU'RE *GOING* TO DO, AND STOP TYING UP YOUR *LINES*! SOMEONE *IMPORTANT* MIGHT BE TRYING TO GET THROUGH!

SLANG!

HANK--! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?

JUST GOT HERE, HANK--!

WHAT'S THE *MATTER* WITH YOU?

WHAT *ISN'T*?

HOLD ME, HANK! *HOLD ME*--!

YOU'RE *TREMBLING*--!

TIGRA - I THOUGHT YOU AND SIMON HAD SOMETHING GOING---!

OH, SIMON--! HE'S ALL RIGHT, IF ALL YOU WANT IS MUSCLES!

BUT YOU'RE FAR BETTER LOOKING THAN HE IS, HANK, AND YOU'VE GOT BRAINS--!

I'M A SUCKER FOR A SMART MAN--!

SINCE I WAS DIVORCED, I'VE ONLY KNOWN ONE WOMAN--ALICE, MY LAB ASSISTANT! I HAVEN'T LET MYSELF THINK--!

THEN DON'T! BRAINS TURN ME ON AT THE RIGHT TIMES--BUT NOT NOW!

NOT NOW--!

TIGRA---! TIGRA---!

PURRRRRR

- SO WHAT DO **YOU** THINK, TONY? WAS I **RIGHT** ABOUT SIMON, OR **WHAT?**

ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, CLINT! THE AVENGERS IS THE **OLDEST** SUPER-TEAM--UNLESS YOU COUNT THE **FF**, BUT THEY'RE MORE A **FAMILY**--AND OUR REPUTATION IS **FIRST RATE!**

OUR REASON FOR EXISTENCE IS **CAMERADERIE**, PURE AND SIMPLE! EVERYONE'S ENTITLED TO A **PERSONAL** LIFE--AS **I** WELL KNOW--BUT WE OWE IT TO OUR **COMRADES** NOT TO HURT THE **GROUP IDENTITY!**

STILL, I'M PROBABLY **BIASED** SINCE I'M A **FOUNDING MEMBER!** LET'S SEE WHAT THE **MEDIA'S** DECIDED!

--KNX NEWSRADIO'S A FLASH POLL ON THE REVELATION BY THE AVENGERS' WONDER MAN OF HIS GUILT IN A DECADE-OLD EMBEZZLEMENT SCHEME INDICATES LOS ANGELINOS FAVOR SIMON WILLIAMS BY A MARGIN OF 54% TO 39%, WITH 7% UNDECIDED! THE MARGIN OF ERROR--

--IS PLUS OR MINUS FIVE PERCENTAGE POINTS! ONE TYPICAL COMMENT--; KLIK!

HAVE YOU GUYS SEEN **TIGRA** ANYWHERE? SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET ME IN HER **BUNGALOW!**

I HAVEN'T, BOBBI! BUT THEN, I'VE NEVER BEEN **INVITED** TO HER BUNGALOW! CLINT?

NOPE!

WELL, SHE AND I HAVE A **MISSION** TO TAKE CARE OF! WE'LL BE BACK WHEN WE **GET** HERE!

JUST THE **TWO** OF YOU? WHAT, YOU DON'T WANT **US** MEN ALONG?

NOPE!

AW, THIS IS **SILLY**, SPORT! I DON'T WANT TO BE **MAD** AT YOU!

I DON'T WANT TO BE MAD AT **YOU EITHER**, MOCKY!

GOOD! LET'S **MAKE UP!**

KISS AND MAKE UP!

MAYBE I SHOULD INVITE **MYSELF** OVER TO TIGRA'S BUNGALOW SOME EVENING--!

HEY, WHAT KIND OF LOW-CLASS JOINT **IS** THIS?

TIGRA! YOU SEEM MUCH BETTER!

UH--YEAH--

AND HERE COMES SIMON, SO I'LL ONLY HAVE TO EXPLAIN MY PLAN ONCE!

TIGRA WANTS TO OVERCOME THE CAT SIDE OF HER PERSONALITY! SHE'S TOLD ME IT WAS GIVEN HER BY A HIDDEN RACE OF CAT PEOPLE, IN THE MIDST OF A BATTLE WITH HYDRA--AND A WEREWOLF!*

WELL, IT SEEMS TO ME THE MOST LIKELY PERSON TO PROVIDE A CLUE TO CAT PEOPLE IS A WOLF-PERSON, SO I RAN "WEREWOLF" THROUGH THE COMPUTER--

--AND FOUND THAT JESSICA DREW--THE EX-SPIDER-WOMAN* KNEW ONE RIGHT HERE IN L.A.! HIS UH, DAYTIME IDENTITY IS "JACK RUSSELL", AND I'VE GOT THE ADDRESS!

* THE OBSCURE BUT CRUCIAL GIANT-SIZE CREATURES #1.

* THEY FIRST MET IN SPIDER-WOMAN #6.

WE'RE GOING TO BEAT YOUR CAT CURSE, TIGRA!

OH, UH ..GREAT MOCKINGBIRD...!

BUT IF WE DON'T--WELL, IT'S NO BIG DEAL, REALLY!

HUH?

PAYIN' A CALL ON RUSSELL WILL BE EASIER THAN FINDING HYDRA, THAT'S FOR SURE! GOOD WORK, MOCKY!

HMM. WONDER IF IT'S THE SAME WEREWOLF I MET?*

LET'S GO, THEN! I CAN DO WITH SOME ACTION TO KEEP ME FROM STANDING AROUND WAITING FOR THE PUBLIC'S VERDICT ON MY ART!

GUARD THE FORT, HANK!

* WEREWOLF BY NIGHT #42-43.

UH, BOBBI--PLEASE DON'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT, UH, SIMON AND ME!

I DON'T, UH WANT TO EMBARRASS HIM!

SURE, TIGRA! I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY!

--THAT PART--!

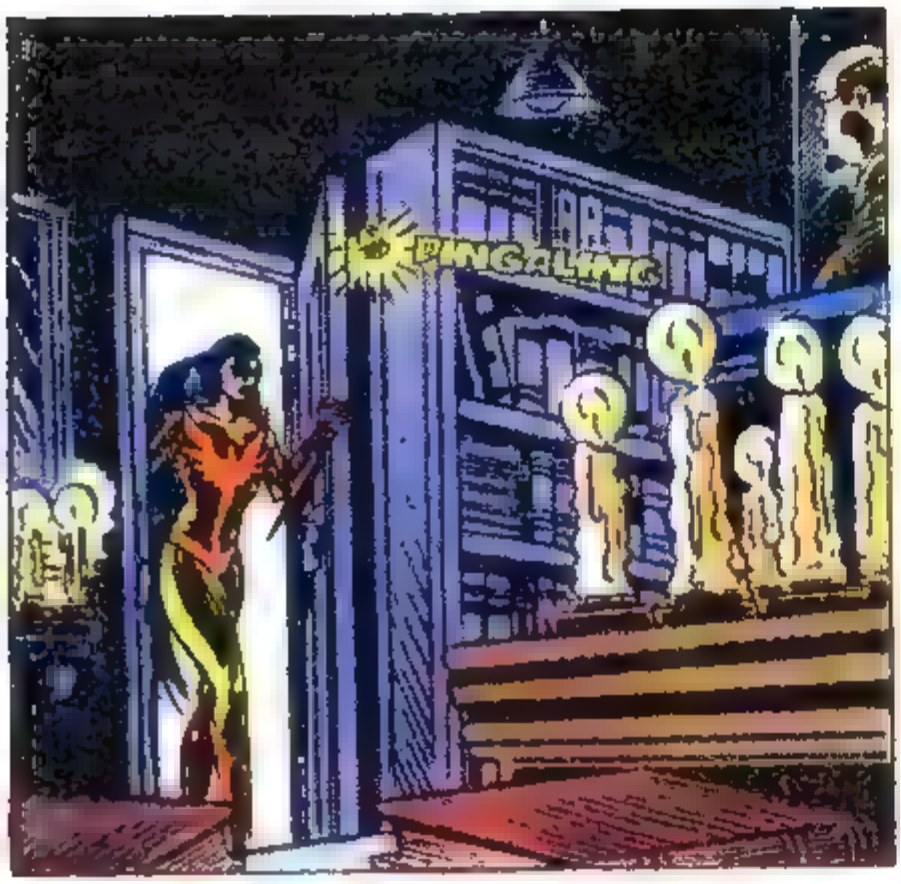
BUT NOW, LET'S LOOK INLAND TOWARD OUR TWO NON-AVENGERS ONCE MORE...

YA SURE YA WANNA GET OUT HERE, 'NITA! I'M JUST A TOURIST MYSELF, BUT THIS PLACE DON'T FEEL RIGHT TA ME!

TO ME EITHER, BEN! THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU TO STOP!

GO ON! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

RAR BOO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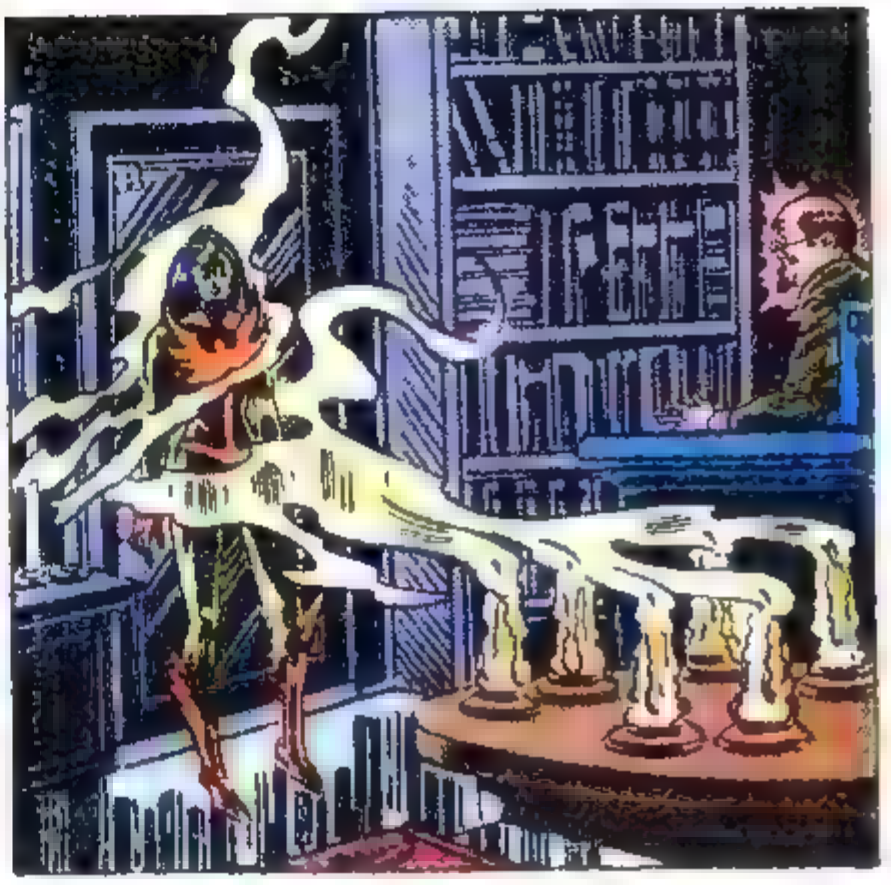
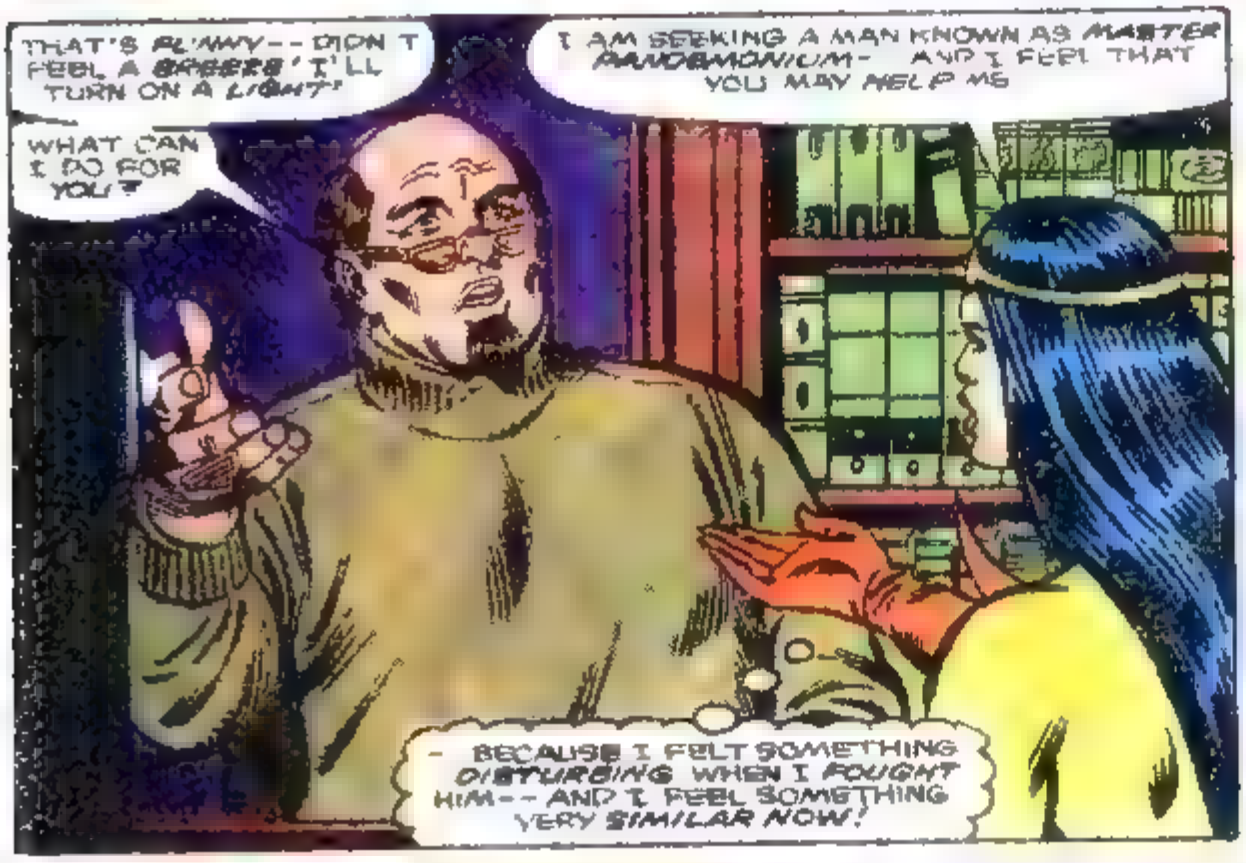
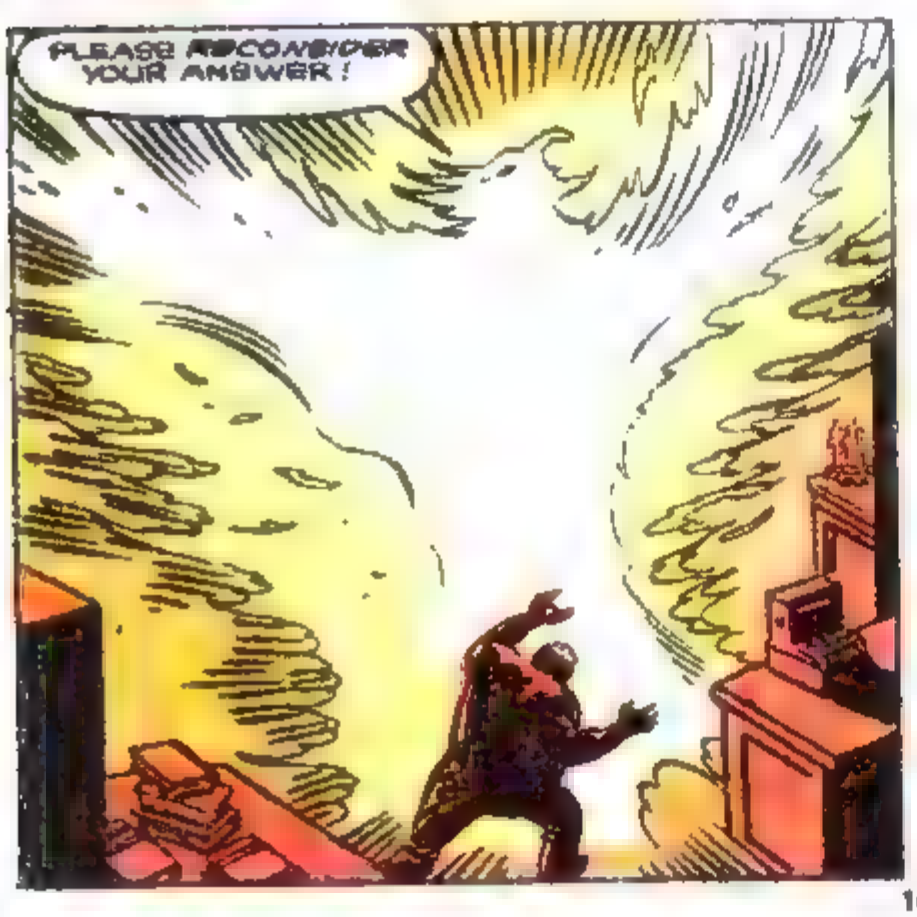



THAT'S FUNNY--DIDN'T FEEL A BREEZE! I'LL TURN ON A LIGHT!
I AM SEEKING A MAN KNOWN AS MASTER PANDEMONIUM- AND I FEEL THAT YOU MAY HELP ME
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
- BECAUSE I FELT SOMETHING DISTURBING WHEN I FOUGHT HIM-- AND I FEEL SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR NOW!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THESE CANDLES--?
PANDEMONIUM, HUH? 'FRAID I CAN'T HELP YOU LADY--NEVER HEARD OF HIM!


PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR ANSWER!

O--OKAY! NO PROBLEM! JUST DON'T BURN MY BOOKS!
I TRULY DON'T KNOW ANY MASTER PANDEMONIUM, BUT IF WE'RE TALKING DEMONS, YOU WANT TO CHECK A BOOK CALLED THE DARKHOLD! IT'S THE CLASSIC WORK!
YOU HAVE THIS BOOK?
NO, NO--IT'S TOO RARE! LAST TIME I HEARD--

"--THE ONLY COPY BELONGED TO A GUY NAMED JACK RUSSELL!"*

HERE WE GO--COLDEN HOUSE!

A WEREWOLF LIVES IN A SINGLES APARTMENT?

IF YOU WERE FEMALE, SPORT, YOU'D KNOW HE'S JUST ONE OF MANY!

*AS IT HAPPENS, AFTER YEARS IN JACK'S POSSESSION THE DARK HOLD BECAME THE PROPERTY OF DR. STRANGE IN DS#62, BUT ALMOST NO ONE KNOWS THAT. SUCH ARE THE SUBTLE WAYS OF FATE.

WHAT IS--GOOD LORD! THE AVENGERS!

IS YOUR NAME JACK RUSSELL? WE'D LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU!

NO SIR--I AM DR. MICHAEL MORBIUS! JACK RUSSELL IS MY PATIENT AND UNABLE TO SEE ANYONE AT THIS TIME!

MORBIUS--! I'VE HEARD OF YOU!

YOU'RE A VAMPIRE!

NO LONGER, SIR--NOR WAS I EVER A TRUE VAMPIRE! MY NEED TO CONSUME BLOOD WAS A DISEASE, WHICH MY RESEARCHES HAVE CURED!*

YOUR SELECTION OF A SILVER-TIPPED ARROW IS CLEVER, BUT IF I WERE STILL DISEASED, IT WOULD HAVE NO SUPERNATURAL EFFECT ON ME!

*SEE PP #'S 857.

AS TO JACK--MY UNIQUE EXPERIENCES, ADDED TO MY REPUTATION AS AN AUTHORITY ON BLOOD [illegible]OLOGY, LED HIM TO CONTACT ME CONCERNING HIS PROBLEM!

UNFORTUNATELY, SINCE THE SUPERNATURAL REMAINS OUTSIDE MY AREA OF EXPERTISE, I HAVE FAILED TO CURE HIM!

ON NIGHTS WHEN THE MOON IS LESS THAN FULL, HE CAN TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO A SORT OF WOLF-MAN THROUGH AN ACT OF WILL, AND RETAIN HIS HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS--

--BUT BENEATH THE FULL MOON HE BECOMES MORE WOLF-LIKE AND POWERFUL, LOSING ALL RATIONAL THOUGHT!

AT SUCH TIMES HE LOCKS HIMSELF WITHIN A CELL--BUT THIS FULL MOON CHANGE HAS GROWN MORE VIOLENT WITH EACH PASSING MONTH, SO THAT I'VE BEGUN TO WONDER ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF THE CELL..

SNFF SNFF

HERE!--STAND AWAY FROM THAT DOOR, YOUNG LADY, OR--

SNFF SNFF

RAHRRR

KR-!

RANCH!

SKREEECH!

HOLY JUMPIN'--!

TIGRA!

JACK--!

SHAKL!

I HATE THIS!

THE WEREWOLF *LOVED* TIGRA THE LAST TIME HE MET HER!

HE MUST NOT HAVE *FORGOTTEN!*

OR ELSE HE'S GOING TO *EAT* HER!

COME ON, AFTER HIM!

*GIANT-SIZE CREATURES #1.

THIS IS FAR WORSE THAN *ANYTHING* I'VE SEEN BEFORE! I THOUGHT THE REPORTS OF HIS BATTLE WITH *MOON KNIGHT* WERE DISHEARTENING BUT THIS--/*

--IS NOT WHAT WE NEEDED TO END OUR DAY! I *MEANT*!

WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM AWAY FROM TIGRA!

SHE'S DOING PRETTY WELL BY *HERCULES*, WONDER MAN!

SK R T T

RARRR

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND--

--ALMOST SAID "WHAT KIND OF A WOMAN YOU THINK I *AM*"-- BUT THAT DOESN'T SOUND SO *FUNNY* RIGHT NOW

HERE YOU GO, RUNNELL -- A AB A HANDFUL OF THESE *REPULSOR RAYS*!

ROWWRR

KRA-BAM!

*MOON KNIGHT #29-30.

POOR DUMB BEAST! NONE OF THIS CAN HURT MY ARMOR!

ARRGHH!

RAHHH

MY EYES! MOUTH--!

SHIELDS SLAMMED DOWN ON HIS FINGERS--SPOILED HIS AIM--BUT HE STILL TORE MY FLESH--!

ROOOO!

I KNEW THIS'D COME IN HANDY SOMETIME--!

BLAST IT! I HAD HIM RIGHT IN MY SIGHTS TILL HE SMASHED HIS PINKIES!

HE TWISTED AT THE LAST MINUTE--AND THAT'S MY ONLY SILVER ARROW!

SORRY, JACK-BOY--HAWKS AREN'T GOOD FOR WOLVES' DIGESTION!

TRY A LITTLE MOCKINGBIRD!

WAK!

IF YOU CAN CATCH ONE!

NOW CATCH THIS!

WAM!

BAM!

THANK YOU, MA'AM!

I'VE GOT TO GET MY HELMET OFF, WHERE NO ONE CAN SEE MY FACE!

PLOW!

HE'S STILL LOOKING FOR TIGRA!

HE SHRUGS OFF MOST PUNISHMENT WHILE IN THIS STATE! HE'S AN INHUMAN KILLING MACHINE!

NO--NOT A MACHINE! AN ANIMAL!

ROWRR

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU SYMPATHIZE WITH HIM! I REALIZE YOU TWO ARE BOTH HALF-ANIMAL, BUT--

HONEY--

--COOL IT!

WHAT DID I SAY?

RAGHHHH

RARRRR

LOOK OUT!

HELP!

NO *CHANCE*, LON CHANEY! YOU WANT SOMEBODY TO *EAT*, MAKE IT *ME*!

BUT YOU COULD LOSE YOUR *TEETH*!

BLAM!

STAY AWAY! I DON'T *LOVE YOU! RUN!*

YOU'D THINK WE'D KNOCK SOME *SENSE* INTO HIS HEAD BUT THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY *LEFT!*

NO--HE'S FAR MORE *AGILE*, BUT JUST AS *MINDLESS* AS I WAS AS A *ZOMBIE!*

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO *STOP* HIM?

AVENGERS--WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

TRYING TO TALK WITH A GUY NAMED JACK RUSSELL!

WHAT? BUT THAT'S MY GOAL, TOO!

WELL, THERE HE IS, FIREBIRD!

HIM? BUT HE'S--

--A WEREWOLF--?

HE WERE!

PLOK!

YEA, WONDER MAN!

YOU DID IT, MAN!

I SAW THE HULK FIGHT THOR ONCE, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN A REAL GUY THAT STRONG!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU, VERY MUCH--!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TIGRA?

DON'T TOUCH ME! NOT RIGHT NOW!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I WAS TRYING TO FOLLOW A TRAIL TO MASTER PANDEMONIUM!

AND WE WANTED TO FIND OUT ABOUT TIGRA'S CAT PEOPLE! BUT WE'LL ALL HAVE TO WAIT TILL OUR FINE FURRY FRIEND WAKES UP--

--OR THE MOON GOES DOWN, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST!

CAT PEOPLE--?

LAPD

YOU SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THIS EARLIER, SIR! I MYSELF HAVE HAD AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE CAT PEOPLE!

YOU--?

OH, YES! AND FROM WHAT JACK TELLS ME, HIS TIME WITH THEM WAS SPENT ENTIRELY AS THE WOLF, AND SO IS ALL BUT LOST TO HIS HUMAN MIND!

YOU, LADY, ARE LUCKIER THAN ANYBODY HAS A RIGHT TO BE!

AND YOU, SIR, ARE JUST JEALOUS!

I'M BACK-- MORE OR LESS! I'LL NEED A FEW STITCHES, BUT I'LL LIVE!

WONDER MAN--WHAT IS GOING ON?

THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION, FIREBIRD--!

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ELSEWHERE...

RRING

HELLO, DAD...

WHAT DO YOU WANT, ULTRON? I TOLD YOU DIDN'T I WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE OF YOUR THREATS!

I KNOW...

...BUT THIS IS NO THREAT! IT IS-- AN APOLOGY!

YOU WERE RIGHT TO PUT ME IN MY PLACE! I'VE BEEN AN IMMATURE FOOL, AND I WANT TO BURY THE HATCHET... FATHER!

WHA-AT--?

NEXT-- QUEST for CATS!